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SHOW LOW, ARIZONA LAND CONVEYANCE

FEBRUARY 28 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 23), 1983.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MCCLURE, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 613]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, having considered the same, favorably reports an original bill (S. 613) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain property to the city of Show Low, Arizona, and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

S. 613 would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to survey and convey, without consideration, certain lands comprising approximately 585 acres to the city of Show Low, Arizona.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

As introduced, S. 613 involves two parcels of land. The first is a 52.46-acre parcel of federal land presently under permit to the city for a city park. It has been under continuous permit to the city for a city park since November 1953. The tract has improvements placed by the city under terms of the permit, including a ball park, picnic and sanitary facilities, and parking areas. The property is surrounded by private lands and is within the developed area of the city. The bill as introduced excludes that portion of the tract used as a highway right-of-way, which establishes a portion of the southern boundary of the property.

The second parcel described in the bill as introduced consists of 533 acres and contains the Show Low Airport. This use by the city is also under permit with the Forest Service but the permit only provides

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for use of 317 acres. This permit has continued since November 1946. The city is interested in obtaining this property and additional adjacent land to provide for possible expansion of its airport at sometime in the future and to ensure against future encroachments upon the airport in the form of development and noise-sensitive activities. The acquisition of this land by the city is an important part of the implementation of its airport Master Plan. Ownership of this property will ensure the city maximum control of the use of the land most critical to the airport's operation.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. 613 was ordered reported as an original bill on February 23, 1983, as authorized by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. S. 613 is identical to S. 2308 as reported and passed the Senate in the 97th Congress. The Public Lands and Reserved Water Subcommittee received testimony on S. 2308 on July 27, 1982. No hearings were held on S. 613 in the 98th Congress.

At a business meeting on February 23, 1983, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered S. 613 favorably reported.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in an open business session on February 23, 1983, by a unanimous vote of a quorum present recommends the Senate pass S. 613 as described herein.

The rollcall vote on reporting the measure was 19 yeas, 0 nays as follows:

YEAS	NAYS
Mr. McClure	
Mr. Hatfield [1]	
Mr. Weicker [1]	
Mr. Domenici [1]	
Mr. Wallop	
Mr. Warner	
Mr. Murkowski	
Mr. Nickles	
Mr. Hecht	
Mr. Chafee	
Mr. Heinz [1]	
Mr. Johnston [1]	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Bumpers	
Mr. Ford	
Mr. Matsunaga	
Mr. Melcher	
Mr. Tsongas	
Mr. Bradley	

[1] Indicates voted by proxy.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

S. 613 authorizes no appropriation and should have no discernible impact on the Federal budget. The estimate of the Congressional Budget Office follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, D.C., February 23, 1983.

Hon. JAMES A. MCCLURE,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has reviewed a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain property to the city of Show Low, Arizona, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, February 23, 1983.

This bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture to survey and convey without consideration approximately 585 acres of land. According to the provisions of the bill, title to this land will revert to the federal government if it ceases to be used for public purposes. Based on information from the National Forest Service, it is estimated that additional costs associated with surveying and administration of the conveyance will be approximately $25,000 in fiscal year 1983. The National Forest Service has estimated that the value of the land to be exchanged is approximately $3 million.

Enactment of this bill would not significantly affect the budgets of state and local governments.

Should the Committee so desire, we would be pleased to provide further details on this estimate.

Sincerely,

JAMES BLUM,
(For Alice M. Rivlin, Director).

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of the Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out S. 613.

The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses. S. 613 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain property to the city of Show Low, Arizona.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little if any additional paperwork would result from the enactment of S. 613.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The pertinent legislative report on S. 613 will be requested by the Committee from the Department of Agriculture. It is the intention of the Chairman to place the legislative report in the Congressional Record for the information of the Senate.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the bill, S. 613.

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